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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 5953

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MO MASS
SUBJECT: 105 MM TANK AMMUNITION FOR MOROCCO

REF (A) MUSLO RABAT 5005 DTG 10111Z SEP 77
(B) MUSLO RABAT 5121 DTG 161247Z SEP 77

1. (C) SEPTTEL REPORTS CONCERN RAISED BY HIGHEST LEVELS
OF GOM OVER USG FAILURE TO DELIVER 105 MM TANK-KILLING
AMMUNITION WITH THE RECENTLY DELIVERED M48A5 TANKS.
IT IS IMPERATIVE TO NOTE IN THIS REGARD THAT MOROCCO
HAS NO REPEAT NO OTHER TANK KILLING ROUNDS FOR THE
M48A5 TANK IN COUNTRY. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

2. (LOU) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 105 MM TANK ROUNDS INCLUDED
IN CONTRACT UHE IS 1680 HEAT (FOR DELIVERY IN SUMMER
1977), 450 HEP (FOR DELIVERY SUMMER 1978), AND 210
WHITE PHOSPHORUS ANTI-PERSONNEL ROUNDS (ALREADY DELIVERED).
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A TOTAL OF 500 APDS-T TANK -KILLING AND 270 TP-T TRAINING
ROUND HAVE ALREADY BEEN DIVERTED TO BE READY FOR PICK-
UP IN THE U.S. BY GOM C-130 AIRCRAFT IN EARLY NOVEMBER.
THIS LEAVES A TOTAL OF 1180 TANK-KILLING ROUNDS ALREADY
PAID FOR BY GOM WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELIVERED.

3. (C) THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE

SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM:

A. AUTHORIZATION AND/OR WAIVER FROM USG PERMITTING GOM TO PICK-UP OR ACCEPT DELIVERY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT OF 1180 HEAT-T/HEP-T ROUND IN "AS-IS" CONDITION FOR USE UNDER EMERGENCY COMBAT CONDITIONG ONLY. (NOTE: GOM HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THIS OPTION IF IT MEANS PROMPT AVAILABILITY).

B. DIVERSION AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE NOW OF 1180 MORE APDS-T ROUNDS.

4. (LOU) IF OPTION IN PARA 3A ABOVE APPEARS FEASIBLE, MUSLO WOULD NEED STATISTICS INDICATING TOTAL NUMBER OF MALFUNCTIONS IN RELATIONSHIP TO TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WITH GOM OFFICIALS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED ON FEASIBILITY AND COSTS OF EXCHANING "AS IS" FOR REBUILT ROUNDS WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. (LOU) FAILURE TO TAKE POSIVITE ACTION IN PROVIDING A QUICK AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THIS PROBLEM COULD HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPACT.
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